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HOME (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT

DIRECTION

The 8th October, 2025

No.6114—EC-CON-EVM-0002-2025/Elec.— The following direction issued by Election Commission of India, New Delhi is hereby republished in the Extraordinary issue of *Odisha Gazette* for general information.

By Order

R. S GOPALAN

Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.576/3/EVM/2025/SDR-Vol.-I

Dated: 7th October, 2025

DIRECTION

Whereas, Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, provides that the giving and recording of votes by voting machines in such manner as may be prescribed, may be adopted in such constituency or constituencies as the Election Commission of India may, having regard to the circumstances of each case, specify; and

2. Whereas, as per the proviso to Rule 49A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, a printer with a drop box of such design, as may be approved by the Election Commission of India, may also be attached to voting machine for printing a paper trail of the vote, in such constituency or constituencies or parts thereof as the Election Commission of India may direct; and

3. Whereas, the Election Commission has considered the circumstances in **current general election to the Legislative Assembly of Bihar and bye election to**

8 Assembly Constituencies of 7 States (as per annexure) announced vide the Election Commission's Press Notes No. ECI/PN/316/2025 and ECI/PN/317/2025 both dated 06th October, 2025, and is satisfied that sufficient number of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Printers for printing Paper Trail [Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail(VVPAT)] are available for taking the poll in the above said Assembly Constituencies. The polling personnel are well trained in efficient handling of EVMs and 'VVPAT Printers' and the electors are also fully conversant with the operation of the EVMs and the VVPAT Printers;

4. Now, therefore, the Election Commission of India, in exercise of its powers under the said Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and Rule 49A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, hereby **specifies all the Assembly Constituencies in Bihar and 8 Assembly Constituencies of 7 States (as per annexure) to be notified on 10.10.2025 and 13.10.2025,** as the constituencies in which the votes, shall be given and recorded by means of EVMs and VVPAT printers in the manner prescribed, under the Conduct of Elections Rules,1961, and the supplementary instructions issued by the Election Commission from time to time on the subject.

5. The Election Commission also hereby approves the design of EVMs and VVPAT Printers as developed by the Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore and Electronics Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad, which shall be attached to the said machines, to be used for the giving and recording of votes in all the Constituencies.

By Order,

Sd/-

(S.B.JOSHI)

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

Annexure

Sl. No.	Name of State	Assembly Constituency No. & Name
1.	Jammu and Kashmir	27-Budgam
2.		77-Nagrota
3.	Rajasthan	193-Anta
4.	Jharkhand	45-Ghatsila(ST)
5.	Telangana	61-Jubilee Hills
6.	Punjab	21-Tarn Taran
7.	Mizoram	02-Dampa(ST)
8.	Odisha	71-Nuapada